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## Newsletter

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### Thanks

- .. to those who helped out with this week's senior rock wall day
- .. to famine sponsors
- .. our headlice inspection team ... really grateful for your efforts!

### People of the week

- .. Famine participants (and their sponsors)
- .. Ellie Datson for Player of the Day last week- intermediate netball team
- .. Tegan Verevis for Player of the Day - same team - player of the day week prior
- .. Ben Rickey for Player of the Day Hikurangi JB3 rugby
- .. Our Mathex teams who recently achieved well in this very tough competition. A special congratulations to our year 7 team which achieved fourth place and our Year 8 team which achieved eighth place.

### Term Events

Please pencil the following dates into your calendar (a few are tentative).  
We will advise of further dates as these come to hand.

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| 23 May     | 40 Hour famine (and into weekend)                   |
| 26 May     | Senior Science Fair kicks off                       |
| 4 June     | Information visit by staff and students of W.G.H.S. |
| 10 June    | Senior Winter Sports Tournament (pp 12.6)           |
| 17 June    | Year 4 to 6 Winter Sports Tournament (pp 24.6)      |
| 18 June    | Senior Ten Pin Bowling                              |
| 26 June    | Portfolios sent home                                |
| 30 J/1 May | Parent / teacher interviews                         |
| 2 June     | Year 8 girls HPV vaccination 2                      |
| 4 July     | Final day of term 2 (term 3 starts 21.7)            |

### Parent / Teacher Interviews .. Room 6

This week parents of children in room 6 received a letter advising that Miss Griffin would not be available for interviews on 30 June / 1 May. Consequently a booking sheet has been sent home for Wednesday 18 June (room 6 only). Parents are asked to return appointment slips at their earliest convenience please. Please note that appointments are allocated on a first in basis. We apologise that Miss Griffin is not available on the regular interview nights and will do all we can to accommodate you on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Please set aside the 18<sup>th</sup> if you can, but if the 18<sup>th</sup> does not suit please contact Miss Griffin directly for an alternative day.

### Countdown Hero cards

- .. these are proving a bit of a problem at present at the school end and we request that children do not bring these cards to school please.

### Some reminders from last term

.. If able to help out with Bible in Schools classes please contact the Team Leader, Carina Wykes, on 09 435 0911. Training is provided and a police vet is necessary.

.. If you think your child would prefer vegetarian alternatives on sausage day can you please email Kevin next week ([principal@matarau.school.nz](mailto:principal@matarau.school.nz)) so that we can get a feel for numbers.

### Senior Gardens Celebration

Rooms 11 and 12 are celebrating the completion of their garden project with a shared lunch, slide presentation and speeches. It will be an opportunity for us to thank those who have contributed both time and materials to this project. We would like to invite parents to join us at 12:15pm on Thursday 29th May.

### Maori Whanau Meeting

On Thursday 19th June at 3:10pm at school there will be a brief meeting for the parents and whanau of Maori students to discuss initiatives to date and future plans. Meeting venue will be decided closer to this date. All parents who have an interest in proposed future trips and programmes around Te reo and Tikanga are welcome to attend.

### Winter Sports Tournament – Years 4 to 6 – 17.6 (pp 24.6)

Consent forms for this event were issued this week. Please ensure these are returned by Monday. Any questions to Mr Schuster. Thanks to those parents who have offered to assist with supervision.

### Headlice

The school is now about as headlice free as we are likely to get. Parents are asked to check their children's hair weekly please and to react promptly in the event of infestation ... if all parents adhere to these simple protocols we should be able to keep the school relatively headlice free until term's end.

### Famine

Best of luck to this weekend's famine participants. 20 hours is recommended for primary age children if refraining from food. If children take some famine photos we will display these at school.

### Cyber safety at Home ... From Mr D

As a parent myself I am incredibly aware of the need to protect my children from the dangers of the internet, but knowing that this is the world they are growing up into. How we partner with them in becoming responsible users now, will often determine how they manage technology later in life.

Primary / intermediate age children are at an age where we can successfully create rules and a moral sense of right and wrong ... together.

... Don't be afraid to research cybersafety sites on line, share true examples of what has happened, ask them questions. Have your expectations displayed beside computers.

... Create practical rules to make this work... e.g. using devices and computers in visible locations

... Ask your children for their passwords and check their internet activity from time to time (but you also need to respect your child's friendships here)

... Have a cellphone basket for devices to go into at bedtimes.

... Remember also that smartphones have restrictions which can be enabled where appropriate.

P.S. Just a question... How do you model a balanced life with technology? My wife recently pondered whether family life in 5 years or so might be reduced to people sitting in their lounges staring at individual screens...where is the quality of family life in that?

### Finally

Best wishes to year 7 and 8 students whose Science Fair projects get underway within the next week or two. We know that the Science Fair process is a huge step up for many children. While teachers provide very significant (and carefully tailored) support, many decisions will now rest with the learner. It is the learner who directs their own enquiry, makes the key decisions, manages their time and meets milestone deadlines. While some students find this difficult, this process is invaluable in three primary ways ...

... from it learners learn their strengths and weaknesses as learners

... they get concrete opportunities (and support) to improve in these areas of weakness

... they get crucial preparation in a learning process which they will encounter at secondary school and beyond

Sometimes our best lessons come from expectations which push boundaries (as opposed to sticking with the safe and familiar). Students are encouraged to grab this opportunity.

**Three bits of advice though ..**

- ... check regularly with task timelines to ensure your child is not falling behind
- ... contact your child's teacher if you sense your child may be struggling
- .. politely let us know where we might have got things wrong or where we can help further

Regards

Our Sponsors support your  
children, please support them

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**Firewood for Sale** – Totara, \$80 a metre (min 2 metres) delivered. This is fundraising for a hockey tournament for Northland U13 reps to travel to Rotorua. Please contact Brad Martin on 433 5061 or 0274810450

**Time Travelling Musical Adventure** - Rising Starz performs "Timelord" at Captaine Bougainville Theatre, Forum North. Saturday 14th June 1pm & 6pm. Suitable for all ages \$8 a ticket. Tickets available from students of Rising Starz or Kauri Shop, Town Basin. For more info email [risingstarznz@gmail.com](mailto:risingstarznz@gmail.com) or ph/text 021 441 455.

**Northland Youth Theatre** - Term 2 Classes start up on Monday the 5th! Juniors: Classes for 9-11 years, Tuesdays 4pm-5.30pm with Jan Fisher, Experience the art and learn the craft of theatre through theatre games, creative movement and improvisation with Jan. Intermediates: Classes for 12-13 years, Mondays 4pm-5.30pm with Naomi Bromberg. For more info phone 09 438 4453 or email [office@nyt.org.nz](mailto:office@nyt.org.nz)

**Quarry Kids After School Art Classes** - Held every Monday and Tuesday, 4:00pm-5:30pm, \$20 per class (bring a friend discount = \$15). For more information contact Hayley Clark, Ph: 4381215 email: [hayley@quarryarts.org](mailto:hayley@quarryarts.org)

**Kids Market!** @ The Great NZ Garage Sale, Sunday 1 June, 9 – 12pm, Forum North. Turn your unwanted books, dvds, toys and anything else into CASH!(excluding food). Stalls from \$5. Email: [kathryn@thegreatnzgaragesale.co.nz](mailto:kathryn@thegreatnzgaragesale.co.nz) or txt: 021 065 4598

**Storytime Whangarei Grand (Moving) Opening party!** - Saturday 31 May, 9am to 5pm, 34 Porowini Avenue. Please join us in-store (and surrounds) for a family day full of fun, with give-aways, competitions, toy demonstrations, sizzling sausages - even a jumping castle!





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